

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 21, 31, 41 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aras in view of Jouppi. The claims have been amended to recite first and second remote stations that can access and control a robot that has a camera and a monitor. Claims further require an arbitrator that can control which station has access and control of the robot. Aras does not disclose an arbitrator that controls access and control of a robot by one of two remote stations.

Aras discloses a multi-cast system with an arbitrator that determines which multi-cast client can speak. Even assuming that one skilled in the art would substitute a robot for the primary multi-cast client in the Aras system, the arbitrator does not allow the multi-cast clients to control the primary multi-cast client. The arbitrator merely allows one of the multi-cast clients to speak to the primary multi-cast client so that the clients do not speak over each other. The Aras arbitrator does not disclose or contemplate allowing a multi-cast client to control the primary multi-cast client. For these reasons, the Applicant submits that the claims are patentably distinct from the combination of Aras and Jouppi.


The Examiner rejected claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-16, 18-20, 22-26, 28-30, 32-36, 38-40, 42-46, 48-50, 52-56 and 58-66 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aras in view of Jouppi and further in view of Ben-Shachar. The Applicant submits that these claims are allowable for being dependent upon allowable independent claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-66 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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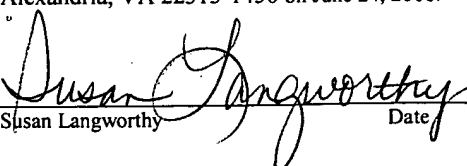
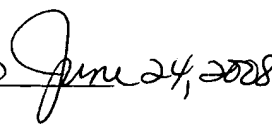
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